LPG agencies in Gujarat

1628. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies functioning in Gujarat;

(b) the number of LPG agencies opened during the last two years;

(c) the number of applications for LPG agencies pending till date; and

(d) the time by which these applications will be disposed off?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) At present, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are operating 449 LPG distributorships in the State of Gujarat.

(b) OMCs have commissioned 28 LPG distributorships during the last 2 years.

(c) and (d) At present, OMCs are heving 145 locations pending for commissioning of LPG distributorships in the State of Gujarat under the various Marketing Plans. The selection of LPG distributorship is a continuous process and it is not possible to indicate a definite time frame by which these distributorships are likely to be commissioned.

Regulatory Board for prices of petroleum products

1629. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to establish a regulatory board to replace the present system to control the prices of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details worked out in this regard; and

(d) by when this regulatory board is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) The process of establishing a Downstream Petroleum Sector Regulatory Board in order